

VOCAB LIST FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

1) Opportunist (p. 10 of 7th Grade Reader -- bottom left hand corner)

a) Someone who ignores what is morally right and instead takes advantage of a situation for his own gain.

b) noun

c) The burglar was an opportunist, sneaking into people's homes when he knew they were away.

2) Tremble (p. 10 of 7th Grade Reader -- bottom left hand corner)

a) to shake involuntarily, typically as a result of nervousness or excitement

b) verb

c) My brother was trembling with excitement when he learned we were taking a family vacation to Disney World.

#3 Signify (p. 26 of 7th Grade Reader)

a) to be a sign of

b) verb

c) The lighting of the Olympic torch at the host city signifies the games have begun.

#4 Fortify (p. 28 of Reader)

a) to strengthen a place by building military defenses (walls, trenches, etc.)

b) verb

c) The Americans needed to fortify the base when they heard there were enemy fighters nearby.

#5 Loathing (p. 32 -- Reader)

a) an intense feeling of disgust or dislike; hatred

b) noun

c) The feeling of loathing was impossible for the hero to escape when in the company of her mortal enemy.

#6 Aloof (p. 33 -- Reader)

a) not involved with or friendly toward people; cold and distant

b) adjective

c) The Akita dog breed is known for being aloof and independent; it does not seek out affection from its owners very often.

#7: Defer (ARITS)

a) To put off or delay

b) Verb

c) The person deferred admission to college for a year, so he started school in the Fall of 2011.

#8: Fester (ARITS)

a) To rot or wither

- b) Verb
- c) The wound festered on Jim's foot for weeks after he punctured it on a nail.

#9 Disheveled (p. 25 -- *A Raisin in the Sun*)

- a) Untidy; messy (usually about a person's hair, clothing, or appearance)
- b) Adjective
- c) Cynthia looked completely disheveled as she arrived home from a very long day at work.

#10 Indifferent (p. 26 and 27 -- *ARITS*)

- a) Having no particular interest or sympathy; unconcerned
- b) Adjective
- c) I watched the football game so I could be with my friends; I was indifferent about who would win the game.

#11 Assimilation (p. 63...sort of)

- a) The process of absorbing one cultural group with another
- b) Noun
- c) Beneatha rejects the notion that she has taken part in assimilation simply because she does not keep her natural hair style.

#12 Insincere (p. 100 -- at the bottom)

- a) not expressing true feelings
- b) Adjective
- c) Rob's apology was insincere -- he only said he was sorry because his mom forced him to do so.

#13 Strident (p. 110 -- *ARITS*)

- a) loud and harsh; hard on the ears
- b) adjective
- c) The presenter was losing patience with his rude audience members, and his voice became increasingly strident when speaking to them.

#14 Exuberant (p. 110 -- *ARITS*)

- a) filled with energy and excitement
- b) adjective
- c) My brother and I were exuberant about the new season of our favorite show, *Seinfeld*.

#15 Right (not from a text)

- a) a freedom that cannot be denied to any person
- b) noun
- c) "I have a right to explain my side of the story if I want to!" the man

explained to his lawyer.

#16 Prejudice (not from a text)

a) an unjustifiable opinion about a group, a race, or an individual for their supposed characteristics

b) noun

c) The taxi driver was accused of prejudice when he ignored a Latino hailing a cab and picked up the white person standing right next to him instead.

#17 Eccentric (p. 10)

a. unusual; peculiar; unconventional

b. adjective

c. My neighbor is a bit eccentric; he owns twelve cats, only wears mismatched shoes, and talks with a British accent when he grew up in Missouri.

#18 Malevolent (p. 10)

a. having or showing a wish to do evil to others

b. adjective

c. Professor Snape looked at Harry with a malevolent glare when Harry defeated Malfoy once again.

#19 Assuage (p. 3 -- TKAM)

a) to put an end to whatever bothered/worried you

b) verb

c) I assuaged my thirst when I bought myself a Gatorade.

#20 Fruitless (p. 43 -- TKAM)

a) not achieving the desired results; useless

b) adjective

c) Despite having friends in the movie business, John's pursuit of acting was ultimately fruitless.